

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A pry tool, comprising:
a relatively planar working end including a resting portion and an elongated working portion within a plane of the working end, wherein the elongated working portion extends generally perpendicular within the plane;
a handle having a non-circular projection structured to be inserted into the working end; and
a non-circular receiver structured to accept the non-circular projection of the handle in at least a first position where the handle has a first relative offset angle to the working end and in at least a second position where the handle has a second relative offset angle to the working end,
in which the non-circular projection and the non-circular receiver are structured to receive the projection of the handle in a direction perpendicular to [[a]] the plane of the planar working end.
2. (Original) The pry tool of claim 1 wherein the projection of the handle is in a fixed position relative to a longitudinal axis of the handle.
3. (Original) The pry tool of claim 1 wherein the projection is structured to ratchet relative to the handle.
4. (Original) The pry tool of claim 1 wherein the receiver comprises an eight-pointed star pattern, each point offset 45 degrees from the next nearest point.
5. (Original) The pry tool of claim 1 wherein the receiver comprises a four-pointed pattern, each point offset 90 degrees from the next nearest point.
6. (Previously Presented) The pry tool of claim 1 wherein the projection of the handle is removeably inserted into the working end.
7. (Previously Presented) The pry tool of claim 1 wherein the working end has a single elongated working portion, and wherein the resting portion has a generally curved shape.

8. (Previously Presented) The pry tool of claim 1 wherein the working end has a first and a second elongated working portion, in which the resting portion has a generally flat shape.

9. (Currently Amended) A pry tool, comprising:
a relatively planar working end including a resting portion and an elongated working portion within a plane of the working end, wherein the elongated working portion extends generally perpendicular within the plane; and

a receiving end including a non-circular receiver structured to accept a non-circular projection of a handle in at least a first position where such handle has a first relative offset angle to the working end and in at least a second position where such handle has a second relative offset angle to the working end,

in which the non-circular receiver is structured to receive a non-circular projection of a handle in a direction perpendicular to [[a]] the plane of the planar working end.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) The pry tool of claim 9 wherein the receiver comprises an eight-pointed star pattern, each point offset 45 degrees from the next nearest point.

12. (Original) The pry tool of claim 9 wherein the receiver comprises a four-pointed pattern, each point offset 90 degrees from the next nearest point.

13. (Previously Presented) The pry tool of claim 9 wherein the working end has a single elongated working portion, and wherein the resting portion has a generally curved shape.

14. (Previously Presented) The pry tool of claim 9 wherein the working end has a first and a second elongated working portion, in which the resting portion has a generally flat shape.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of prying, comprising:
adjusting a longitudinal axis of a handle relative to a position of a relatively planar working end of a pry tool, wherein adjusting a longitudinal axis of a handle includes inserting a non-circular projection of a handle into a non-circular receiving portion of the working end of the pry tool perpendicular to a plane of the working end of the pry tool;

locating an elongated working portion of the pry tool under a portion of an object that is to be pried, wherein the elongated working portion is within the plane of the working end and extends generally perpendicular within the plane;

placing a resting end of the pry tool against a surface of an object that is not to be pried, wherein the resting end is within the plane of the working end; and

rotating the pry tool about the resting end to move the object that is to be pried.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 wherein adjusting a longitudinal axis of a handle comprises inserting the projection of the handle in one of a plurality of possible positions in the receiving portion of the pry tool.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the number in the plurality of possible positions is four.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the number in the plurality of possible positions is eight.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 wherein adjusting a longitudinal axis of a handle comprises inserting a projection of a ratcheting handle into the receiving portion of the working end of the pry tool.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, further comprising rotating the ratcheting handle relative to the pry tool.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising affixing an extension to the handle.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein affixing an extension to the handle includes affixing an extension to the handle between the handle and the working end of the pry tool.

24. (Previously Presented) The pry tool of claim 1, further comprising an extension affixed to the handle.

25. (Previously Presented) The pry tool of claim 24, wherein the extension is affixed to the handle between the handle and the working end.

26. (Previously Presented) The pry tool of claim 8, in which the first elongated working portion is narrower than the second elongated working portion.

27. (Previously Presented) The pry tool of claim 9, in which the first elongated working portion is narrower than the second elongated working portion.

28. (Currently Amended) A seal puller, comprising a relatively planar structure including a prying tip extending generally perpendicular within a plane of the planar structure, a relatively flat resting portion along the edge of the planar structure and a non-circular hole through the structure having a through direction perpendicular to the planar structure and being structured to receive and affix a non-circular projection of a handle in a first position and to receive and affix a non-circular projection of a handle in a second position.